

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ELSEVIER INC., ELSEVIER B.V., ELSEVIER  
LTD.

Plaintiffs,

v.

SCI-HUB d/b/a WWW.SCI-HUB.ORG, THE  
LIBRARY GENESIS PROJECT d/b/a  
LIBGEN.ORG, ALEXANDRA ELBAKYAN,  
JOHN DOES 1-99,

Defendants.

Index No. 15-cv-4282 (RWS)

**DECLARATION OF KAREN HAWKINS IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS’  
APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING ALTERNATIVE SERVICE OF  
PROCESS ON DEFENDANTS AND ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR A  
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

I, KAREN L. HAWKINS, declare as follows:

1. I submit this Declaration in support of Plaintiffs’ application for entry of a preliminary injunction.

2. I am the Senior Director, Product Design at The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (“IEEE”). My office address is 501 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey 08854.

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- IEEE Spectrum, Vol. 48, Issue 11 which is available through Libgen.org at
- <http://libgen.org/book/index.php?md5=E4918C8F5FBAD9382AAE86362CDD9E54>
- IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks, Vol. 22, No. 1 which is available through Libgen.org at

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5. Attached hereto as Exhibit A are copies of the first ten pages of each of these publications, the full text of which were obtained through [libgen.org](http://libgen.org).

6. Attached hereto as Exhibit B are true and correct copies of the registration certificates for these publications that are currently on file with the Copyright office.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: April 14, 2015.

  
Karen Hawkins